UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a foreign corporation,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No. 11-cv-12422-AC-MKM Hon. Avern Cohn

WILLIAM KEENE, JENNIFER KEENE, MONICA LYNNE LUPILOFF, NICOLE RENEE LUPILOFF and NICOLE RENEE LUPILOFF, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GARY LUPILOFF, DECEASED,

Defendants.

Michael F. Schmidt P25213 Attorneys for Plaintiff 1050 Wilshire Drive, Suite 320 Troy, MI 48084 (248)649-7800

John H. Bredell P36577 Attorney for Keenes 119 N. Huron Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734)482-5000 Albert L. Holtz P15088 Attorney for Monica Lupiloff, Nicole Lupiloff and Nicole Lupiloff, Per Rep of the Estate of Gary Lupiloff, Deceased 3910 Telegraph Road, Suite 200 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248)593-5000

REPLY BY PLAINTIFF, NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TO AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES BY DEFENDANTS WILLIAM KEENE AND JENNIFER KEENE

NOW COMES the plaintiff, Nationwide Life Insurance Company, by and through its attorneys HARVEY KRUSE, P.C. and for its reply to the special and/or affirmative defenses of the defendants, William Keene and Jennifer Keene, states as follows:

1. That the plaintiff denies affirmative defense 1 because the defense is untrue and

HARVEY KRUSE

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
1050 WILSHIRE DRIVE, SUITE 320, TROY, MICHIGAN 48084-1526 248-649-7800

contrary to the facts and an incorrect statement of the law.

2. That the plaintiff denies affirmative defense 2 because the defense is untrue and contrary to the facts and an incorrect statement of the law.

3. That the plaintiff denies affirmative defense 3 because the defense is untrue and contrary to the facts and an incorrect statement of the law.

4. That the plaintiff denies affirmative defense 4 because the defense is untrue and contrary to the facts and an incorrect statement of the law.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Nationwide Life Insurance Company, requests that:

(a) Each defendant be restrained from commencing any action against the plaintiff Nationwide on the policy;

(b) Judgment be entered that no defendant is entitled to proceeds of the policy or any part of it and that judgment be entered in favor of the plaintiff Nationwide that it may retain the Death Benefit and return the premium payments to the Owner; or

(c) If the court determines that the plaintiff Nationwide is not entitled to retain the proceeds of the policy, that the court determine which of the defendants are entitled to recover the Death Benefit under the policy and the plaintiff Nationwide be discharged from all liability upon payment of the Death Benefit to that defendant; and

(d) Nationwide be entitled to recover its costs and attorney fees.

Respectfully submitted, HARVEY KRUSE, P.C.

BY: /s/Michael F. Schmidt
Michael F. Schmidt (P25213)
1050 Wilshire Dr., Suite 320
Troy, Michigan 48084-1526
(248) 649-7800

DATED: July 7, 2011

HARVEY KRUSE ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 1050 WILSHIRE DRIVE, SUITE 320, TROY, MICHIGAN 48084-1526 248-649-7800

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that Janice A. Albertson electronically filed the foregoing pleading on 7-8-11 with the Clerk of the Court via the Electronic Case Filing system which will send notice of filing to all attorneys of record.

/s/Janice A. Albertson
Secretary to Michael F. Schmidt